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Christmas Lunch and Party of St. Paul's Parochial School, Fort Wayne

The American Lutheran Church in its recent convention at Appleton, Wis., resolved to grant the Negro pastors in its service membership in the Districts in which they are active.

From our Emergency Planning Council's office comes the following cheering news: "We have just received word that the Russian government has given permission for our child-feeding program to begin in Potsdam in the Russian Zone."

Mrs. Frank Stacy of East St. Louis, Ill., has completed twenty years of service as president of the Lutheran Orphan Home Ladies' Aid of St. Louis. In honor of the event the organization arranged a luncheon, at which due note was also taken of Mrs. Stacy's birthday, and at which she was presented with a beautiful pin. — M. S.

St. Paul's of Fort Wayne, Dr. Paul F. Miller, pastor, has for a number of years followed the custom of having a special luncheon just before Christmas for the whole school. Mr. E. C. Sieving, the principal, explains that "these annual Christmas parties are intended to establish another one of those customs for the children which remain among their pleasant school-day memories."

When the Church of Our Savior, Brooklyn, N. Y., observed its forty-fifth anniversary last October, the arrangements for the celebration included not only the presence of all the former pastors, but also of their wives. The picture was taken on the Sunday on which these pastors each had a part in the festival service.

45th Anniversary, Church of Our Savior, Brooklyn

Standing (reading from left to right): Rev. Erwin Kurth, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dr. John H. C. Fritz, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. A. R. Hanser, Seaford, L. I.; Rev. Theodore C. Moeller, present pastor of the Church of Our Savior. Seated (left to right): Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Mrs. John H. C. Fritz, Mrs. Arthur Hanser. Mrs. Moeller was unable to be present, having been called to Louisville at the sudden death of her brother, the Rev. Frederick Schumacher

The Southern California District Walther League at its recent convention adopted a resolution to "set up a scholarship fund for an amount up to $200 to be awarded each year to a needy colored ministerial student." For the fiscal year 1946—47 the District Executive Board was instructed to draw the needed funds from a suitable surplus account of the District League, but for succeeding years to determine the best method of financing the scholarship.

There will be no division of the Minnesota District. The June convention of the District sanctioned a meeting of pastors and congregational representatives of three conferences in the southern section of the Minnesota District to express their wishes in regard to forming a separate District. When 140 official delegates on October 26 met at Janesville, the two-thirds majority needed for continuing negotiations with the view to dividing the District failed to materialize.

The re-establishment of Christian day schools by the American Lutheran Church came in for serious consideration at that body's recent convention. A ten-year-old resolution which practically gave up the Christian day school as an important agency of Christian education was rescinded. The budget of the General Board of Education was increased to $18,000 a year, with instructions that plans be submitted to the Districts by spring with a view to bringing about the re-opening of Christian day schools. It has been suggested that the change in attitude is due partly to the establishment of schools by A. L. C. congregations on the West Coast and partly to the success of the parochial school in the Missouri Synod.

A Survey by Pastor S. E. Engstrom, Executive Director of the Board of Home Missions of the Augustana Synod, shows that 500 vacant parishes exist in the eight church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council. "The United Lutheran Church has 120 parishes vacant with a possible 100 pastors available; the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 112 vacancies with a possibility of 20 pastors available; the American Lutheran Church, 75 parishes vacant with a possible 31 pastoral candidates; the Augustana Synod, 145 parishes vacant with 20 pastors available; the Danish Lutheran Church, 12 parishes vacant with three pastors available; the Suomi Synod, two parishes vacant with no pastors available; the Lutheran Free Church, 12 parishes vacant with a possible three pastors available; and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 15 parishes vacant with a possible two pastors available." G. V. S.

Recently Confirmed at Hope Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

This group of fifty-three included fifteen with a Lutheran background, eleven formerly unconverted, nine Roman Catholics, four Presbyterians, four Methodists, three Baptists, two Episcopalians, two from the Salvation Army, one Jehovah Witness. Many fine pictures of similar groups gained for Christ in other parts of our land were received by the WITNESS in the course of the last year, but unfortunately lack of space makes it impossible for our church paper to have them all appear in print. Our Church has made a good beginning at reaching into the broad ranks of our country's population. May 1947 show even better results under the impact of the "Each One Reach One" movement

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A PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to a resolution of the Twenty-Second Delegate Synod, I, John W. Behnken, President of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES, have been authorized to call upon all congregations of Synod to observe

CENTENNIAL SUNDAY

April 27, 1947

The congregations are earnestly invited to designate this day as Synodical Centennial Sunday and to arrange divine services of praise and thanksgiving for the manifold spiritual and material blessings which a benign and gracious God in Christ Jesus has bestowed upon us so bountifully during the past century.

The remembrance of His blessings should move us to exclaim:

> "I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant."

Because God has preserved among us the preaching of His Holy Word in its truth and purity and the true administration of the Blessed Sacraments and has so marvelously established the work of our hands, His people shall feel constrained to show gratitude by

— a deeper appreciation of His blessings,

— an ever more consecrated loyalty to the Word of God,

— a more devoted service to Christ and His Church,

— a generous outpouring of gifts for the Centennial Thankoffering.

We go forward into the second century of our God-given work in the world, relying upon the sustaining grace of our heavenly Father, contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints, building the kingdom of our Lord, and preserving the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

J. W. Behnken

President

Editorial

Prayer Thoughts for the New Year

Next Sunday is the first Sunday in the new year. Even though the Church does not recognize the secular New Year's Day liturgically, but on that day emphasizes the circumcision of our Lord and the giving of the holy name, yet the appointed Propers for next Sunday also have implications for the Christian at the beginning of a secular new year.

In the Introit the Christian is reminded that also in the year ahead "the Lord reigneth" and that "His testimonies are sure." In the Gradual, he is called upon to praise His holy name, for "He is our Father and our Redeemer." The Gospel for the day, the account of our Lord's flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents of Bethlehem, shows us, as Luther says, that the devil and the world are enemies of the little Child Jesus and His kingdom; yet they will not succeed in destroying Him. He holds the field forever. The Epistle cautions us that we must not think it strange if we Christians too are "reproached for the name of Christ" and are "partakers of Christ's sufferings." All these thoughts the Collect sums up and asks that God may direct us in the new year according to His will, that our lives may be to His glory. May that be our prayer at this time:

"Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

W. G. P.

1947 — First Things First

When this issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS reaches our readers, we have crossed in one significant instant of time from 1946 into 1947. Naturally, in times as uncertain and agitated as these it is difficult to formulate a program listing the themes which should assume prominence as the issues reach the reader, one by one. But if we follow the good maxim of permitting first things to remain first, the reader will not go far from right in his expectations.

First things first — and the greatest task of the Christian Church also in 1947 will be the *missionary program.* Nothing can supersede the Great Commission of our Lord — "Go ye into all the world, and make disciples of all creatures." We have seen somewhere an announcement of a striking new slogan for our Centennial year — "Hats off to the past — coats off for the future." Really, we have taken off our coats in the year that is just past with a program of missionary endeavor which has even now placed the Great Commission first in the thoughts of our synodical membership. Home missions, foreign missions, our work among the blind and the deaf, the restoration of sound Lutheranism in Europe — these things come first. The labor of training future workers in a world-wide program of missions can hardly be separated from this greatest of all tasks. Let us include also our seminaries and colleges among the first-line interests of the Missouri Synod in 1947 — and may the Lutheran Women's Missionary League come into her own as a handmaid of the Lord for the expansion of His kingdom.

I know that some would have placed *Christian education* at the very head of this list of primary objectives, because when the Great Commission speaks of making disciples — the "teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19) in the Authorized Version — we see how inseparably the teaching office of the Church is tied up with its missionary program. That a new energy has been infused into our teaching program of late years no one can deny. Outstanding above all is the Synod-wide revival of interest in the parish school and a willingness of our people to make sacrifices for the re-establishment and expansion of this institution. With it has gone a thoroughgoing upward revision of ideals and programs for Sunday school work and at least the beginning of a movement which intends to enroll every adult church member in a Bible class. The work of the *Walther League* is in the first place educational in its set-up, and it was the first to stress organized Bible study. Its Christian Service program and its talent quest are essentially educational and must rank high in the program of our Church. Under this head also we must enter the entire publicity work of the Missouri Synod and its various agencies, among which the chief are *Concordia Publishing House,* the official publications of our Church, our radio broadcasting efforts, particularly the *Lutheran Hour, Station KFUO,* the *American Lutheran Publicity Bureau,* and the countless local efforts toward employing the power of the press in the job of letting the world know what we teach.

In the third place we would list as a matter that deserves high priority in our publicity, our thinking, and our prayers, the *stewardship movement,* which has taken on new energy and developed new agencies during the past year or two. Certainly, we shall follow with interest the work of the *Lutheran Laymen's League* and the developments which may grow out of the program of *Lutheran Men* and the *Federation of Lutheran Clubs.* These organizations and many congregational societies unaffiliated with such movements give expression to the desire of our laymen to be of service to their Church by making use of their talents and time in the upbuilding of congregational and synodical life. Their progressiveness, their endeavors in new fields of laymen's activities, some as yet only tentative and experimental, are balanced with a devotion to the teachings for which our Church has now stood a hundred years and which these societies wish to make productive of good to Lutheranism, to Christianity, and the community in the largest possible measure.

To complete the scale, there is the subject of *Lutheran unity.* It is not the first or most important project; yet when the Synodical Conference was organized in 1872, it did mention among its purposes "the unification of all Lutheran synods of America into one orthodox American Lutheran Church." In our day we have made known to the world the willingness of the Missouri Synod to enter into fellowship with those who are likeminded in their subscription to the Lutheran Confessions. From the stand which this paper has taken in the matter of religious controversy we may say, in the words of the Formula of Concord (*Triglotta,* page 1095) —

— "friends and enemies, and therefore everyone, may clearly infer that we have no intention of yielding aught of the eternal, immutable truth of God for the sake of temporal peace, tranquillity, and unity (which, moreover, is not in our power to do). Nor would such peace and unity, since it is devised against the truth and for its suppression, have any permanency. Still less are we inclined to adorn and conceal a corruption of the pure doctrine and manifest, condemned errors. But we entertain heartfelt pleasure and love for, and are on our part sincerely inclined and anxious to advance, that unity according to our

utmost power, by which His glory remains to God uninjured, nothing of the divine truth of the Holy Gospel is surrendered, no room is given to the least error, poor sinners are brought to true, genuine repentance, raised up by faith, confirmed in new obedience, and thus justified and eternally saved alone through the sole merit of Christ."

And so by putting the truth of God's Word first we shall in all other matters be placing First Things First in 1947. G.

Church Attendance

Dr. William Dallmann in his autobiography, p. 52, mentions the fact that in one of his early churches the poor attendance at church pained and discouraged him. We must add, however, that this very pain produced good fruit, for it caused the venerable doctor to write his celebrated tract *Churchgoing*.

Dr. Dallmann is not the only pastor who has complained of poor attendance at church. The pastor has not prepared the sermon for wooden pews, but for living hearers. If these are absent, what is to be done about this depressing phenomenon? Well, Dr. Dallmann did something about it. For one thing, he wrote that pamphlet. However, it is not necessary that every pastor write a pamphlet. We may use what has been produced by others. But more than that; not only the pastor is to do something about it, the leaders in the congregation, the church members themselves in general are to do something. Whoever in a family recognizes the worth of church attendance should admonish the other members of the family if they are remiss in this matter.

The Word of God, which we hear in church, is the seed which produces good fruit. Now, we know that if no good seed is sown, weeds and thorns and briars will grow. If you wish to keep the garden of your heart free from that which is worse than weeds — evil thoughts, hatred, envy, malice, suspicion, ill will, discouragement, despair, and discontent — then go where God uproots these tares and in their stead plants the love of righteousness, truth, sincerity, interest in the Kingdom which is to last eternally, and love for God and our fellow man. In short, there is nothing on this earth that will so powerfully destroy the evil which our hearts naturally produce and plant and nurture in its stead those most desirable plants in the vineyard of the Lord: faith, hope, and charity, which carry with them courage and happiness.

True, we may not be able to show equal profit from every service, but let each one take to heart what the Lord tells us: "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," and remember, the reaping will be according to the sowing. Where the Word of God is sown, there will be a harvest of joy, but where sin and wickedness and selfishness are allowed to prosper, there will be a harvest of pain, distress, and despair. Where the Word of God is sown, even though it be with tears, you will come rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you. S.

The Layman and the Fellowship Question

This subject will not down. The Editors of this paper have been faulted for addressing themselves too much to the clergy and writing above the understanding of the layman. Recognizing the many synodical interests which have a claim on space in the LUTHERAN WITNESS, we must limit the space given to the discussion of church union matters. However, there is no doubt that the layman is interested in this subject more intensely than in any other.

One difficulty involved in discussing such subjects for the benefit of our church members is often overlooked. No one can deny that some difficult points in doctrine are involved in these intersynodical discussions. Now, we would not claim that every layman is able to follow these arguments. We hold, however, that if a layman takes interest in the affairs of his Church, if he is a regular churchgoer, reads the papers published by his church body, above all, is a regular Bible reader, he will indeed be able to understand what it is all about. In setting forth the position of our Synod on these matters we shall endeavor to use nontechnical, simple language, so far as that is compatible with exactness. Where we fail to make ourselves clear, we beg to be so informed through letters from our laity.

For the benefit of our many new readers, we should say that the staff of this paper stands by the Union Resolutions adopted by our Synod in 1938. It holds them to be Scriptural and to be in harmony with the historic position of our Synod on the question of fellowship. The staff also believes that it requires more than union resolutions to establish actual fellowship between church bodies. G.

Father and Son

The press reports luncheons, dinners, and banquets for fathers and sons. It seems that by these gatherings the proper relation between father and son is to be encouraged and nurtured. That is certainly a worthy purpose. Just as it is true what the Scripture teaches: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps. 133:1, so it is true that father and son agreeing in righteousness is pleasing to God and a blessing to men.

While it may seem natural that father and son would agree and be joined in true affection, yet it is a sad truth that it is not always the case. At times the very difference in their ages may cause a rift. The father, because he is an older man with more experience, may easily become impatient with the immature views of the son. Again, to a young man many things seem new simply because they are new to him. Other things seem old because he has heard them frequently from his father. The father may forget that his son is no longer a boy. The son is in danger of forgetting that though he himself is approaching manhood, his father is still his father. Of course, there can be no cordial understanding between father and son if one is walking on the broad way and the other on the narrow way. If that is the case, both are drifting farther and farther apart, and if it continues, they will finally be separated forever. But however much some of their temporal interests may differ, if they both travel the narrow way, there will be a good understanding between them. Blessed is that son who can notice that his father is a consistent Christian, even though some weakness or defect may become apparent. Blessed is that father who is granted the experience of seeing his son laboring diligently in the service of God.

The Scripture presents sad spectacles of contention between father and son; for instance, that bitter feud between David and Absalom; but it also offers us many a delightful story of father and son both diligent in the service of the Lord; for instance, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, and many more.

It will aid proper understanding between father and son if each keeps in mind what the Word of God has to say to fathers and what this same Word requires of sons.

S.

The Brightest Light for 1947

By MARTIN S. SOMMER, St. Louis, Mo.

"History repeats itself." That has been quoted thousands of times and is generally accepted.

Every one of us knows of much past history which we very much prefer not to see repeated. However, it is not for us to choose the events of the future. Moreover, it is with history somewhat as it is with the seasons. We know that "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease," Gen. 8:22, but winters do differ and all summers are not equally hot. Just so there will be repetitions of wars, repetitions of calamities and disasters, earthquakes and eruptions of volcanoes; but no one knows just when they will occur, nor does anyone know just how severe they will be. It also remains true, "thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." We are often reminded of our ignorance of the future. But we do know what the Lord has foretold. We do know that generation after generation passes through very much the same experiences. Even as the poet has said:

For we are the same things our fathers have been;
We see the same sights that our fathers have seen;
We drink the same stream, and we feel the same sun
And run the same course that our fathers have run.

Yes, hope and despondency, pleasure and pain,
We mingle together in sunshine and rain;
And the smiles and the tears, and the song and the dirge,
Shall follow each other like surge upon surge.

If at the beginning of the new year we think upon all this, should we not pray for God's blessing and guidance? Should we not pray that God will give us strength to bear the cross, courage to meet the opposition, faith which will not shrink "though pressed by many a foe"? Should we not pray for wisdom also and light? Above all things every Christian should be reminded or should remind himself of the brightest light for 1947. What is that brightest light? It is the promise of God. We know that there will be changes. Some may be very sudden, some may be very gradual; but there will be changes for all of us. Those who are now scanning the financial reports and wondering what is going to be dear and what is to be cheap, what to sell and what one ought to buy, they are surely conscious of the unreliability of conditions. Oh, there are so many contingencies! Even the world declares there is nothing certain except death and taxes. And even these are uncertain. Who is going to die, who is going to live? How high will the taxes rise, what new taxes may be imposed? No wonder all insurance businesses are thriving; among the many uncertainties men are grasping for security. We Christians alone have an absolute security, that is **the promise of our Lord.** I said promise, but I want that word to stand for the plural, promises. St. Peter calls them "exceeding great and precious promises," 2 Pet. 1:4. Before I mention some of these exceeding great and precious promises, let us recall that all the promises of God, *all of them,* are yea and amen in Jesus Christ, 2 Cor. 1:20. These wonderful promises, these unfailing promises of God, are all given to those who believe in the precious Savior Jesus Christ. They are all given to God's children. They are all given to His believers. And now, which are some of these promises? Oh, we can mention only a few. Here is one: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Is. 54:17. Here is another: "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel," Num. 23:23. And now remember, "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent. Hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Num. 23:19. And then we have that precious promise of the Lord "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20. That was not said to the Apostles only but to all Christians unto the end of the world.

What rich promises has He given to us concerning the hearing of prayer? He has promised us: "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you," John 15:7. And again He has said: "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He will give it you." Moreover, He has assured us: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows," Matt. 10:29-31.

When Israel had conquered Canaan, Joshua reminded them of the fact that "there failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass," Josh. 21:45.

And later on Joshua once more assured them: "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord, your God, spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof," Josh. 23:14. Since then millions of the children of God have finished their pilgrimage. Some of them arrived at a very high age, but not one of them could say that the promises of the Lord failed. Men's promises have been compared to ropes of sand. Space and time would fail us to tell of all the foolish and deceitful promises of men, but God's promises have never failed. If you, my dear Christians, are trusting in them, you can look forward not only to the year 1947 but to all the future with confidence and joy of heart. The Lord tells you even now, even as if he were standing right beside you, what He said to poor Jairus: "Be not afraid, only believe," Mark 5:36. And if your faith is weak, ask God to strengthen your faith through His Word. Approach the Table of the Lord, where you receive the assurance of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God that taketh away your sin and assures you of a place in the Father's heart. Yes, and in the Father's home throughout eternity.

Toward Lutheran Union

An interchurch conference attended by at least fifty members of National Lutheran Council and of Synodical Conference churches in the St. Louis area was held at Faith Church (U. L. C. A.), St. Louis, on October 28, 1946. The morning was occupied by a paper read by Dr. F. E. Mayer of Concordia Seminary on the topic "The Relevance of the Formula of Concord to the Present Lutheran Union Movement." After a luncheon served by the ladies of Faith Church, Dr. R. E. Tulloss, president of the National Lutheran Council, explained the nature and functions of the Council, and the Rev. Carl I. Empson of Reen Memorial Church, St. Louis, read a paper on "American Lutheranism Yesterday and Today," to which he appended remarks on the prospects of Lutheran union as of today. The discussions throughout the day were characterized by a spirit of friendly frankness. By common consent the meetings are to be continued.

K. K.

Your Time and God

By R. H. RAEDEKE, Sylvan Grove, Kans.

"My time is my own. I can do with it as I please." Is that really true? Let us see what the Bible says:

God Has Control of Time

"My times are in Thy hand," Ps. 31:15. "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth?" Job 7:1. "He changeth the times and the seasons." Dan. 2:21.

We Are Accountable to God for the Use of Time

"For all these things God will bring thee into judgment," Eccl. 11:9. "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live," 2 Kings 20:1. "We are laborers together with God," 2 Cor. 3:9. As business partners of God, we must give an account of our stewardship of time.

Our Time is Uncertain and Brief

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth," Prov. 27:1. "As for man, his days are as grass," Ps. 103:15. Our days are "like a shadow," 1 Chron. 29:15; "as an handbreadth," Ps. 39:5; "swifter than a weaver's shuttle," Job 7:6. Yes, "time is short," 1 Cor. 7:29.

The Chief Purpose of Time

"It is time to seek the Lord," Hos. 10:12. "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation," 1 Cor. 6:2. "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world," Matt. 24:14.

The Right Use of Time

"Walk circumspectly . . . redeeming the time," etc., Eph. 5:15-20. "Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear," 1 Pet. 1:17. "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom," Ps. 90:12. "Trust in Him at all times," Ps. 62:8. "We will bless the Lord from this time forth," Ps. 115:18. "It is high time to awake," Rom. 13:11. "Watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is," Mark 13:33. "Walk in wisdom . . . redeeming the time," Col. 4:5. "A wise man's heart discerneth the time," Eccl. 8:5. "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God," 1 Pet. 4:2.

Wrong Use of Time

"Take heed, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life," Luke 21:34.

Danger of Neglecting the Time of Grace

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved," Jer. 8:20. "Today, if ye shall hear His voice, harden not your hearts," Heb. 3:15. "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call thee," Acts 24:25. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

Greatest Sin Against Time

"Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation," Luke 19:44.

I have just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it;
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it;
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it.
Just a tiny little minute
But eternity is in it.

How are you using your time?

Looking Toward 1947

A million strong, O Lord,
Thy people come before Thee.
For blessings rich and free
Their grateful hearts adore Thee.
A century of grace!
A century of love!
A century of faith!
All blessings from above.

One hundred years of pure
And steadfast Gospel preaching;
Of praying, pleading hands
Outstretched toward heaven reaching.
Thy voice was never stilled.
Thy grace each morn was new.
Now we with grateful hearts
This century review.

One hundred years we boast
The confidence of heaven.
Into our feeble hands
Christ's ransomed souls were given.
He trusts His faithful friends.
He trusts them with the cause
For which He bled and died
On Calv'ry's sacred Cross.

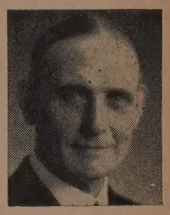
One hundred active years
Of service to the Savior.
To speak the word of peace,
To preach His loving favor,
To steel the fainting hearts,
To wipe away all tears,
The wayward to recall:
One hundred blessed years.

For all these years of grace
Thy people sing Thy praises.
Each year was dearly bought
And freely giv'n by Jesus.
A century of grace!
A century of love!
For grateful lips to sing
Here and with saints above. Amen.

New Orleans M. W. H. HOLLS

An Appreciation

Our dear departed friend and brother the **Rev. Dr. Enno Duemling** was one of the quiet workers in the vineyard of the Lord. The curious eye and the itching ear of the world saw and heard little of his life work. His ministry of mercy was accomplished in the shadows of institutions harboring the handicapped, the forgotten, the outcasts from human society. Yet he toiled contentedly on with intrepid faith, desiring only the approval of His Lord. He was a builder for eternity, and eternity will disclose the fine finish of his workmanship. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"



Rev. Dr. Enno Duemling

Pastor Duemling was one of the very first men to enter the field of church work which is today known as Institutional Missions. Moreover, he remained true to his first love — Milwaukee. His influence, however, extended far beyond the institutions and congregations of Milwaukee. For a period of thirteen years he served Associated Lutheran Charities as president, and his influence is strongly felt today in the missionary spirit which he helped to instill in the workers in many fields of Christian service. At his retirement from this office six years ago he was named honorary president in recognition of his achievements. At his funeral the Rev. A. E. Frey, Institutional Missionary of St. Paul, Minn., and the Rev. G. B. Propp, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Wisconsin, represented Associated Lutheran Charities.

Pastor Duemling radiated blessings during his lifetime through the preaching of the Word and through his quiet example of sincere Christian service. Blessings will continue to be poured out over his fellow laborers through their memories of his living presence. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

H. F. WIND, *President*
Associated Lutheran Charities

Do You Hear the Savior Calling?

Do you hear the Savior calling,
Pleading earnestly today,
Raise all who are stumbling, falling,
Lead them in the narrow way?

Share with them the heavenly manna
That to you was freely given,
It will strengthen them and nourish
Souls which might be lost to heaven.

Jesus gave His all to save us,
Shall we aught from Him withhold?
Let us heed His requisition.
All He asks is silver, gold.

Jesus left His home in glory,
Dwelt in abject poverty;
Trod the path of sorrows, ending
Life on the accursed tree.

Could we grasp what it has cost Him,
Gladly, willingly we'd give
Of the substance He has granted
So some soul might fare and live.

MARIE C. TURK

Despair – Hope

By AD. BEHNKE, St. Louis, Mo.

An exact census of the world's population has never been made. For obvious reasons such census is well-nigh impossible. It is commonly accepted that the human family today numbers approximately two and a half billion souls. What an enormous family! Its members live in different countries and climates, belong to different races, speak different languages and dialects, are on different levels socially, economically, politically, mentally, morally. Yet all have a common ancestry; all are the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. Biblical statements such as: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?" Mal. 2:10; "The Lord is the Maker of them all," Prov. 22:2; "For one is your Father, which is in heaven," Matt. 23:9, argue, too, in favor of all peoples being descendants of Adam and Eve. Evident racial differences, like all the many differences among individuals and peoples, have their roots in the sinfulness of man's heart. This fact ought to keep humble any and every race. Color of skin does not make any race superior or inferior to the others. In all matters concerning social relationships, love, justice, and prudence should dictate the course to be followed.

Outward differences — yes! *Inward* differences — no! All men are sinners. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23. Sin is the cause of all human misery. Sin, feeling its power, is driving individuals and peoples down the road of despair. This despair is evident in our day despite unheard-of wages, earnings, and bank deposits. Greed is crucifying labor and management. The human family is being tossed to and fro. When will this all end? Is the day of Final Judgment very, very near?

The eyes of our nation and the nations of the world are turned to Paris and to Washington. Reports issuing from there are eagerly read. As yet very, very little hope is radiating from political centers. Autocracy, limited or absolute, oligarchy, democracy, chaos — which will it be?

Oh, for men like John the Baptizer! Oh, for messages like those of John the Baptizer! "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The victorious Christ and His glorious Gospel, these are the HOPE of the world. God still loves the world. He would have all come to the knowledge of their sins, would have all repent, would have all believe on His Christ, would have all sanctified, would have all eternally saved. God's love is universal. A god who would predestine certain people to an eternity in hell, would be a monstrosity. If you could not have Scriptural certainty that God loves *you* and *all* sinners, then all preaching and teaching of such divine love would be foolish and useless. Certainty of God's love is not a matter of *feeling,* but of *trusting* God's gracious promises. Hear, read, accept, trust: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16. There lies the escape from *despair!* There lies the *hope* of all the peoples of the world!

Your Church and mine has the divine message of *hope* in its fullness and purity. Other Christian denominations, thank God, still have much of this same message. What they have of it is also the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it. Let us humbly thank God for what we have, also humbly pray that God make other denominations, members of the visible Christian Church, willing to accept His entire counsel, trust and live it.

Come from the dusty road of sin, fear, despair! Come and behold the Lamb of God! God surely loves *you.* And in thankfulness for that love, love Him, live for Him, witness for Him, tell others, pray and help with your substance that others, sinners at home and abroad, might know and trust Him who makes life worth living and who makes death gain.

Lutheran Community Has No Crime

"In a community of Marshall County, Kansas, no arrest or court procedure has been made in 30 years. In this township all residents are of the Lutheran faith. There are two Lutheran schools, making a public school unnecessary." Robert Ripley in "Believe it or not."

Years ago we published a similar account on various Lutheran communities in Kansas, based upon an extensive investigation by a staff reporter of the *Kansas City Star.* In one case the jail, having stood empty for a generation, was converted into a public comfort station.

So — what are we waiting for to solve the problem of crime and juvenile delinquency? From *News Service*

My Guide

Jesus, take me by the hand;
Lead me through this desolate land;
Lead my footsteps in the right;
Guide me through the darkness of the night.

Hold my hand through all my life;
Keep me close to Thee through strife;
May I, following Thy will,
In my heart Thy peace keep, still.

Lead me upward to Thy throne;
Leave me not, O Lord, alone;
Lead me to that sacred place
Where I may look upon Thy face.

Through my life Thy love I've known,
So when I reach Thy heav'nly throne,
Press me, Jesus, to Thy breast,
And there, forever, give me rest.

Let me with the heav'nly throng
Add my praises to their song;
There I'll know the peace of heaven
That to me Thy love has given.

DELANA HEWITT

A Negro Catholic Saint

During the last decade the Roman Church has made a great effort to bring the Negro into her fold, especially by pointing out the absence of race discrimination in that Church; but the result has not come up to the expectation of the hierarchy. So the expediency has been resorted to of finding a Negro saint about whom the Negro population would rally. However, since a saint of recent date and North American vintage might not stand up well under critical scrutiny, it was found necessary to go back three centuries and into South America and there dig up a mulatto, the son of a Spanish grandee and a Negro mother from Panama, the "Blessed" Martin de Porres. Monsignor John E. Burke, "the great apostle of the colored race," seeing the possibilities of a Negro saint in modern times, more than fifty years ago related the life and "miraculous" deeds of de Porres. His efforts were supplemented some years later by the Dominican House of Studies, at the request of Cardinal Pacelli, the present pope; and a book of 231 pages entitled *With Blessed Martin de Porres* and two booklets of 64 pages each, entitled *Meet Brother Martin.* The editor of the *Torch,* a Dominican magazine, has organized the movement to make brother Martin a saint. A Blessed Martin Guild and a Blessed Martin Choral Group have been organized. A national shrine for "Blessed Martin" was established in the chapel of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, in Union City, N. J. A doctor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America expresses the wish that Martin de Porres become the hope of the colored people in the United States. De Porres is credited with answering every true prayer infallibly.

What does this propaganda about Martin de Porres mean to us? We shall leave the answer to every one of you who has at heart our work of missions among the same people whom the Catholics now woo so ardently that they even create a special saint and patron for them.

Greensboro, N. C. HENRY NAU

Church Dedication in Hanyang

This is an event of more than ordinary significance. It is the first forward move since the close of the war. And it is a project put through by the native Christians, they assuming all responsibility and covenanting to repay the loan for their chapel in ten years.

Hanyang is one of the three cities that make up the Hankow area. Oct. 27 was the date. Early that morning quite a cavalcade started from our Hankow mission compound: Missionaries Ziegler, Kretzmann, Bringewatt and wife, Buntrock and wife, and Secretary Schmidt. First we had to walk quite a distance, until rickshas could be picked up. Then we went by ricksha all down the bund till we got to the Han River. It is a long way, and the coolies and Buntrock and I began to tire, so that we dropped far behind. When we caught up with the rest, there was a great altercation going on, disputes about the price, police trying to disperse the crowd, many just staring at the foreigners. We went down the sixty steps of the old stone stairs to the river, made a hop, skip, and jump into a swaying sampan, which looked like a rather terrifying experience to the newcomers; then we were smoothly rowed over to the other side. It is most interesting to see the tremendous amount of river traffic in China and the endless array of small sampans or larger junks that fill the rivers. Thousands of families live on those boats year in and year out.

Then came the climb up the stone steps on the other side, and a long walk down the main street of Hanyang. That is typical China; the street is rather narrow, swarming with life, lined with small shops, stores, or places where all manner of handicraft is practiced, such as rope making, furniture manufacture, blacksmithing, and the like. We were stared at properly, as foreigners do not get into that section very often, and we were quite a group. After a long walk we came to our new chapel, right on the main street, neat and brave in its new color and manicolored bunting. Next to the church auditorium is a room for guests, where we were served tea. Then we were ready for the dedication.

But the watch of our Chinese pastor was a whole hour fast, and in his impatience he did not wait until we got there, although we were there at the appointed time, and he had gone ahead with the dedication before we got there. Manifestly, we could not have the dedication ceremony again. So we all filed into the church and then had services, very solemn, well attended, and with an attentive audience, with Missionary Ziegler and the writer preaching, and with the congregation singing lustily our familiar Lutheran hymns.

Everything was very neat and fine in the chapel, with many panels and much color. Immediately behind the church, but in a separate building, is the home of the pastor, quite adequate for its purpose. The congregation has a very active board of elders. They are now planning a Christian day school; so they marched us about looking at the four different sites that are under consideration.

After the services we were guests of the congregation for a Chinese meal, the first such meal for our new missionaries, for whom the use of chopsticks and the various articles of food and the manner of their serving was something new.

Then came the long walk back through Hanyang, the trip in the sampan across the river, a ride in a jolting, crowded bus, and a ricksha ride, and about suppertime we were back in our seminary grounds. Soon after supper all the men of the party set forth again, for an English service, which is conducted every Sunday evening in the neat chapel in the old international cemetery, with Rev. Ziegler at the organ, the Rev. Kretzmann as liturgist, and the writer preaching the sermon. The audience was not large, but at that there were some people who were present for the first time.

Thus things are moving forward in our China Mission. The dedication in Hanyang is but one instance. Another significant thing is that we now have a pastor in the large city of Shanghai, the Rev. R. J. Mueller. Another very significant thing is that a splendid group of new missionaries has come out: Rev. and Mrs. Hoeltje and Miss Martha Boss at the beginning of the year; Rev. Herb. Kretzmann a few months ago; Rev. and Mrs. Bringewatt, Rev. and Mrs. Buntrock, Rev. and Mrs. Le Roy Buuck, Rev. Kreyling, Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Mueller and daughter Gloria Ann; Rev. and Mrs. Suelflow, Rev. John Wilenius, arriving on the *Marine Lynx* Oct. 15; and Rev. and Mrs. Victor Hafner and Rev. and Mrs. Thode and two children to come soon. Nov. 4 the language school is to begin for this new group, conducted by Central Christian College of Wuchang, on our campus, and attended also by representatives of other groups, with an estimated 25 students, perhaps more.

May the Lord bless our new day in China Missions! O. H. SCHMIDT

From a Pocket Notebook

Lutheran athletic groups would be interested in the soft ball intercity league made up of Missouri Synod teams in Detroit and Cleveland. Paul Meyer, sports editor of the *Detroit Lutheran*, has been the spark plug for the undertaking. . . . At Trinity Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., the parish school reports a varied program of activities in its magazine, the *Banner*. Room 2 is practicing for an operetta, Room 1 has had a movie, and the kindergarten children entertained the Pre-School Unit with a variety program. . . . Lutheran Education Week was observed by St. John's, Seward, Nebr., with activities that filled a 28-page program, printed in solid type. This church is planning a building with ten Sunday school rooms and two separate rooms for the Bible classes and a large modern kitchen. . . . At York, Pa., the Knights Templars had a special service in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Dec. 1, with a sermon delivered by the Rev. H. Walter Webner, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, himself a Knight. St. Matthew's and Advent are members of the United Lutheran Church. . . . The *Religious News Service* featured a winter scene which seemed familiar. We found that we had used it as a frontispiece Jan. 6, 1942, St. John's Church near Boone, Iowa, the Rev. H. M. Zagel, pastor. . . . At Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Grace Church has sent in a subscription list totaling 372 names for the WITNESS. . . . We have mentioned the St. Louis League of Lutheran Ushers before. Anyone who doubts that this organization deserves publicity should order from the Service Blue Print Co., 816 Pine St., St. Louis, the manual for church ushers by M. H. Krah. Ten chapters on the duties of church ushers. We suggest that you enclose a dime. . . . "Can any of our congregations match this one? I have a boy in my Catechism class who is Michael Losch the IX. His grandfather, Hungary-born and a member here, is Michael Losch the VII, and so on down in an unbroken lineage." — E. F. Norden, Los Angeles. . . . The year's prize, if we had one to give, for excellent performance in writing would go to the Rev. Fred Lindemann of Buffalo for his discussion of Holy Communion, earlier in the year, in the *American Lutheran*. . . . One of those things that makes these middle 40's loom as a new missionary era of our Church is the Spanish parish paper edited by Pastor Rdo. A. Melendez for La Mision De Nuestro Redentor in St. Louis. . . . The year's prizes for excellent church printing is divided between Grace Church in Cleveland Heights (the Revs. H. W. Bartels and Walter G. Boss, pastors) and St. Luke's, Chicago (the Revs. A. R. Kretzmann and H. C. Guebert, pastors). . . . In its *Courier* the Slovak Luther League is publishing a paper which is serious-minded, yet interesting. The editor is the Rev. Jaroslav Vajda. . . . At the Lutheran Editors' Conference last fall Dr. E. E. Ryden reported that the Pentecostals have started a daily newspaper in Sweden. How about a Lutheran daily for America? . . . Regarding the brief note that Al Smith's political views were disavowed as heretical by high Catholic opinion, the Rev. A. H. A. Loeber of Detroit remarks: "Our people are urgently in need of instruction on these matters. Such instruction will make of them better Lutherans, more appreciative of the blessings of the Reformation, and better citizens, who will cast their ballot more intelligently." . . . *Ebony* is the outstanding magazine edited by Negroes for Negroes, in appearance much like *Life*. Its issue for January, 1947, features on two pages Holy Sacraments Church and Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, with an appreciative article entitled "The Lutherans." . . . The Rev. Th. W. Beiderwieden of Teaneck, N. J., just got his printer's proof on the Nicene Creed returned with two typographical errors which show a strange consistency. The close of the Creed reads: "And I *believed* in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sin; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the *fire* of the world to come. Amen." . . . And what will New Year be like? A day glowing with prospects and promises. It will be more enjoyable when and if we can forget the accumulations of mail from October and November — nine weeks of which the less is said the better — a four-foot stack of magazines and congregational memorial books, twenty books for review, about six hundred pieces of first-class mail, letters, greetings, expressions of sympathy, a laundry basket full and running over — none of it acknowledged, all yet to be read, and none of it having the slightest prospect of ever receiving an answer. For, behold, here is Jan. 2, and the U. S. mail truck is at the curb. G.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES and SCHOOLS

Dr. Kretzmann Honored in Double Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1946, was a day which will be happily remembered for a long time by the Rev. Martin F. Kretzmann and the members of his congregation, St. John's at Kendallville, Ind. For his members used that Sunday to honor Dr. Kretzmann by celebrating the forty-fifth anniversary

Rev. M. F. Kretzmann

of his ordination and the twenty-fifth of his service as Secretary of our Synod with special services of praise and thanskgiving and two receptions held in his honor.

In the morning service recognition was taken of Dr. Kretzmann's faithful service in the holy ministry. The Rev. Paul Schulz, D. D., of Springfield, Ill., a classmate of the jubilarian, preached the festival sermon. A check for $1,000, an anniversary gift from his congregation, was presented to Dr. Kretzmann at the close of this service.

President J. W. Behnken, D. D., festival speaker in the evening service, took recognition of the fact that Dr. Kretzmann had faithfully served our Synod as Secretary for more than 25 years.

A reception for the members of his church and local friends was arranged for the afternoon by the wives of the church officers. After the evening service another reception in honor of the jubilarian was held especially for the visiting pastors and their families. The officers of the ladies' aid were in charge of arrangements for this reception. All services and receptions were well attended in spite of sleet, snow, and icy streets.

Dr. Kretzmann was ordained on Aug. 4, 1901, in St. John's Lutheran Church at Vincennes, Ind. Here he served as assistant to his father, the Rev. Carl H. Kretzmann, until 1904, when he assumed the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran Church, East St. Louis, Ill. In 1909 he accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville, where he has served faithfully ever since. In 1920 our Synod elected him to the office of Secretary, which position he has capably filled for 26 years. In 1939 the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., honored him by conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine," 1 Tim. 5:17.

WILLIAM A. WENGER
Kendallville, Ind.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversaries During 1946

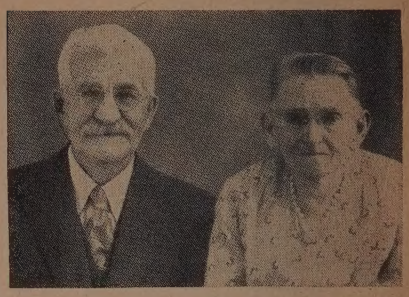
As we look back over the past year, God's goodness towards those who walk with Him has revealed itself in many ways. As an instance of His kindness we may note the increase in the number of those Christian couples

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schmelzer

to whom our Lord has extended the privilege to observe their sixtieth wedding anniversaries. Time was when golden wedding anniversaries made news. Today there are too many of these for the WITNESS to take note of them. Truly, the Lord shows us His favor if we uphold the sanctity of marriage over against the depraved attitude towards matrimony so common in our land, which is so rich in physical wealth, but so poor in morals.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmelzer of Kennewick, Wash., completed sixty

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tschorn



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholle

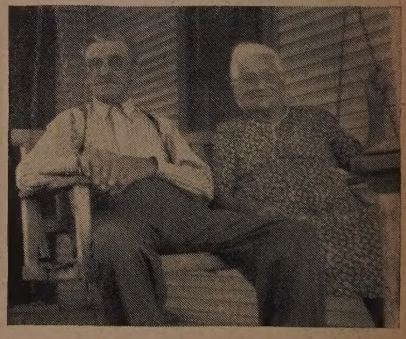
years of married life in February. The local congregation joined in observing the occasion in a service of thanksgiving to God for all His mercies bestowed upon the couple in their long life.

In March Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tschorn of California, Mo., looked back on six decades of happy wedlock. Both are still active members of St. Paul's Church, which in a Sunday morning service took note of the happy event in the couple's life.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morehead

Another Missouri couple, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scholle, members of Immanuel Church, Higginsville, Mo., in April rejoiced over our Lord's blessings during the three-score years since their marriage in 1886. Friends and relatives joined them, and on the day set aside for the celebration their pastor in suited words expressed the Christian's sentiment on such occasions.

September brought news that two Christian couples in our Church had also celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morehead of St. Paul, Minn., on July 19,



Mr. and Mrs. G. Wiersig

and Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher of Worden, Ill., on Sept. 8. Both are members of long standing in their respective congregations, and the pastors in each case added a spiritual note to the festivities on the occasion.

It is with special pleasure, however, that we here take note of the unusual experience of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wiersig of Alva, Okla., whom the Lord permitted to observe their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary in late September. Lifelong members of our Lutheran Church, both have taken an active part in its affairs.

To all these couples, as well as to all the others whose sixtieth wedding anniversary may not have been brought to the attention of the WITNESS, we extend our hearty best wishes at the waning of the year. May they experience in their declining years a full measure of the meaning of the Prophet's words: "It shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."

G. V. S.

Montana District Convention

The 7,000 Lutherans in Montana had their pastors and delegates, fifty-two in number, meet for their first convention Oct. 8—10 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lewistown.

President P. M. Freiburger opened the convention with an address on "Forward with Christ." This theme was carried out by the Vice-Presidents and Visitors in the services opening each morning and afternoon session and in the reports given by the department secretaries.

Dr. J. W. Behnken was with us, preaching the convention sermon and reporting on Synod's work in the educational and mission fields.

The convention essay on "Church Fellowship" was read by the Rev. Arnold H. Grumm, President of the North Dakota District.

The Rev. L. Helmstetter, secretary of the department of Mission Expansion, reported on the District's mission endeavors. The Rev. Arnold Gierke, department of Parish Education secretary, reported on the District's educational work, the Rev. M. J. Ludwig, secretary of the Stewardship department, on the District's finances, and the Rev. Walter Biel, Public Relations department secretary, on the District's publicity agencies.

The Board of Directors' report was given by the District President.

Power, Mont. PAUL ERNST

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Executive Board Meets

The entire membership of the League was represented by its presidents at an Executive Board meeting held at Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, Nov. 12—13. Present were also the three pastoral counselors: Pastors R. H. C. Meyer, Walter Birkner, and Oscar Fedder. Other women who were called in to work on Postwar Planning were Mrs. Julius Deckman, Mrs. Sadie Fulk Roehrs, Mrs. O. Stellhorn, and Mrs. Frederick Schuermann. Inspirational messages were delivered by the counselors prior to each meeting.

The president, Mrs. O. F. Schmitt, reported that all districts but one are now affiliated and that one is now in the process of organization. She urged that all organizations stand by their congregations in the adoption of war families. She also reported that $10,000 of our funds has been spent for the printing of Catechisms in Germany and that $15,000 has been disbursed in completing the Cleveland project for the deaf. 92,000 copies of the League's official organ, *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, go out to the membership each quarter.

The Rev. Oscar Feucht reported on Synod's program for Adult Education, pointing out that its success would necessitate the co-operation of all groups in the congregations.

The evening session was held at Little Bevo Mill, where the group dined together, after which each president gave a three-minute report on the progress of her district. The reports of conventions, mission projects, and European relief work were so overwhelming that one of the pastoral counselors regretted that our synodical officials had not heard them. The interesting ideas exchanged at this meeting alone would have warranted a board meeting.

The second day's session was devoted to the League's vast program of European Relief. Dr. L. Meyer told of his trips to Europe and explained the orphanage situation. If the 200,000 women of our Synod could have heard the need of the starving children of Europe, they would lend every assistance to this organization so that its influence might be strengthened. Mrs. Frederick Schuermann reported for the Postwar Planning Committee. Twenty-six districts participated in the sewing project. Again, the totals of work done were staggering.

Dr. F. E. Mayer, Synod's theological representative in Europe, told of his work in Germany. MRS. T. JOECKEL

Philippine Notes

The month of October was an eventful one for us here in the Philippines. In the first place, we closed our old service center with an appropriate service, Missionary Alvaro Cariño preaching the sermon. He pointed out in his introduction that before our chaplains then stationed in Manila took over the "White House" by permission of Gen. McArthur, the building during the Japanese occupation was indeed a third- or fourth-rate night club, it nevertheless during the months that it served as the Lutheran service center became an oasis to those who thirsted for the Word of God. Its former notoriety was soon forgotten, and today most of the people who live in the vicinity remember it as the most wholesome influence in the neighborhood where taverns, night clubs, and cheap dance halls enjoyed mushroom growth.

In the second place, on the Sunday following the closing of the old service center two events took place — the observance of Reformation Day, with Missionary Herman Mayer preaching the sermon, and the dedication of our "new" service center (really an old residence whose bullet-riddled walls, ceilings, and roofs were patched up), located at 1312 Gral. Luna in the Ermita district of Manila, with Chaplain Robert Schwermann as speaker. Incidentally, a local religious editor said to us that never in his life before had he heard of dedicating churches, chapels, and service centers!

In the third place, two events gladdened the hearts of your missionaries — the arrival of Richard Herman Mayer and the family of Missionary Cariño. Richard Herman was born in the Emmanuel Co-operative Hospital on October 22, on the very same day when a transoceanic plane brought in Mrs. Cariño and three children. We thank the Lord that both mother and baby are doing well and Mrs. Cariño and her children have arrived safely.

Call it progress if you wish, but since the month of July the attendance of civilians at our services has increased considerably. Whereas before the month of July the attendance was over 90 per cent service personnel, today the figure is reversed. Every service brings in new faces. In passing we may mention that at one service we counted eleven Cariños and two other relatives! It ought to be heartening to you folks in America to know that the natives who attend our services are impressed by the messages of your missionaries and are very much attracted by our liturgical way of conducting our service (we follow the common order of service in the new hymnal). On the other hand, certain Protestant missionaries and pastors treat our church rather suspiciously. Some have the idea that the Lutheran Church came to the Philippines to split Protestantism! A certain missionary (of a non-Lutheran Church) came to the center yesterday (Nov. 25), when the missionaries were out, and tried to discourage our faithful janitor from joining the Lutheran Church by saying that ours is a false Church because we teach the Real Presence in the Lord's Supper. It is stated that he then added that he could take the elements and place them under a microscope and there would find no real presence of the Lord's body and blood in the Sac-

rament! Their suspicions appear to be caused largely by professional jealousy because we are instructing several native pastors, who of their own free will came to us to find out what we teach, and these men seem to be inclined to come to us. But to offset this, here is an opinion which is quite general among those who know something about our Church: "The Lutheran Church is the Protestant Church to be reckoned with in the Philippines. It has everything to offer." This was said to us by a hospital superintendent.

A neat little chapel is under construction, and we hope to dedicate it before Christmas. Meantime pray with us and for us!

Manila, P. I. ALVARO A. CARINO

Walther League Enrolls 3,000th Society

St. John's Lutheran Junior Walther League Society of College Point, Long Island, was formally enrolled as the 3,000th member of the International Walther League with the presentation of its charter on Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. John's Lutheran Church (the Rev. Clifford G. Meyer, pastor). Presentation of the charter was by the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler, Chicago, managing editor of the *Walther League Messenger*. Acceptance speeches were made by Adele Fehn, president of the 3,000th society; Mortimer Sherman, president of the Metropolitan District of the Walther League; Wm. Schmidt, membership secretary; and the Rev. Howard Schoenfeld, pastoral adviser. In the vesper service which preceded the presentation ceremonies the Rev. Alfred P. Klausler preached the sermon, and the Rev. Clifford G. Meyer served as liturgist.

The Walther League Enrolls Its 3,000th Society Dec. 8, 1946

Left to right: The Rev. Howard Schoenfeldt, pastoral adviser of Metropolitan District; the Rev. Clifford G. Meyer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church; Adele Fehn, president of the 3,000th society, William Rath, president of the St. John's Senior Walther League; William Schmidt, membership secretary of Metropolitan District; Mortimer Sherman, president of Metropolitan District

St. John's Lutheran Church at College Point, Long Island, was established in 1857. For the past forty-five years it has always had a young people's society in one form or the other. About twenty-five years ago the young people affiliated with the International Walther League. The present group of Juniors decided to form their own society since the senior group was growing too large. A unique feature of the young people's program is the fact that the Walther League societies meet every Friday evening. During the summer a large group of the young people spend their Sunday afternoons in about the only Walther League yachting club in the Missouri Synod. Both the pastor and many of the young people own sailboats and do a great deal of sailing on Long Island Sound.

ALFRED P. KLAUSLER

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Gottfried J. Wegener (d. Nov. 25, 1946), son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried J. Wegener, was born in Bremen, Germany, April 10, 1861. At the age of ten he emigrated to America with his parents, who found a new home in Brooklyn. At a gathering after his confirmation, in 1875, he was induced to study for the ministry by his pastor, the Rev. J. Helmuth Sommer of St. John's Church. Accordingly he was enrolled in St. Matthew's Academy in New York, completing the prescribed six years' course in four. In 1879 he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, where Dr. Walther's Friday evening talks exerted a great influence on his life. Pastor Wegener's class was the last to graduate from the old Concordia Seminary, May 24, 1882. He began his ministry in St. John's Congregation, Dieterich, Ill., being ordained and installed by the Rev. H. Kowert. In 1885 he accepted a call to Altamont, Ill. It was in New Orleans, however, where the Lord wanted Pastor Wegener. In 1887 at the age of 26 years, he became the pastor of St. Paul's Congregation, the largest in New Orleans and in the Southland. (Today this honor goes to First English, a daughter of St. Paul's.) His keen intellect and his thorough Biblical knowledge were soon recognized in his new field of labor, for already in 1891 he was elected President of the Southern District, which position he held for 36 years, probably establishing an all-time synodical record. He was made an honorary member of the Board of Directors for life. An ardent supporter of parochial schools, he safely guided St. Paul's School, est. 1840, through many storms! His great love for children was further evidenced by the fact that he served as president of the Bethlehem Orphan Home, founded by his congregation, for 25 long years. He was fondly called "Bishop" by his colleagues, who often sought his fatherly counsel when vexing problems confronted them.

In 1883 he married Juliana von Wittke in Brooklyn. Ten children blessed this union, 7 of whom are still living. The oldest son, Edmund, has served the District as Treasurer for many years. Another son, Theodore, is pastor in Lake Charles, La. In 1905 he married Anna Klein. This union was blessed with 9 children, 8 of whom are living. Besides his living children, he is survived by his second wife, three sisters, all of Long Island, N. Y., and 49 grand- and great-grandchildren. The Rev. H. B. Roepe, pastor of St. Paul's, preached the funeral sermon and read the committal service at the grave, while Pastor E. W. Kuss officiated at the altar. The children's choir and the church choir sang during the church service. While the body lay in state in the church, the voting membership formed a guard of honor, two standing watch at hourly intervals. After so long and fruitful service it is but natural that his memory will be cherished by many for years to come. He was adamant and unflinching when Scripture spoke; yet in other matters he was liberal and broad-minded. R. W. WISMAR

The Rev. Rudolf Albert Koessel (died Nov. 25, 1946) was born on May 16, 1897, in St. Louis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Joseph Koessel. He was reared in Lansing, Mich., and attended our schools at Fort Wayne and St. Louis. After his graduation in 1922 he served the church at Magnetawan, Ontario, then Immanuel Church in Ruth, Mich. In 1944 he was placed in charge of St. Paul's Church in Sterling Township, Macomb Co., Mich., serving at the same time the patients at Wehenkel Sanatorium at Romeo, Mich. The end came at the St. Joseph Hospital at Mount Clemens, Mich., following a major operation. At the funeral on Nov. 27 the service in the home was conducted by the undersigned, who also read the obituary in the church. The Rev. G. A. Sebald preached the sermon on Is. 40:20-31. Pres. Andrew Zeile spoke on behalf of the Michigan District. Interment was made in Dashwood, Ont. After a service in Zion Church, conducted by the Rev. L. Higenell, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Erdman, Pres. Frank Malinsky spoke in behalf of the Ontario District. In 1926 the sainted brother married Miss Eleonora Miller of Dashwood, Ont., who with their four children survives him. L. G. HEINECKE

The Rev. August Wehmeier, *em.* (died Nov. 30, 1946), was born in Drake, Mo., March 16, 1873. He received his preparation for the ministry at Springfield, Ill., graduating in 1899.

His first congregation was at Midway, Iowa, where he was ordained and installed on Dec. 17, 1899. He served in the active ministry for forty-two years — 1899 to 1901 at Midway, Iowa; 1901 to 1903 at Butler, Mo.; 1903 to 1910 at Longtown, Mo.; 1910 to 1916 at Jerico Springs, Mo.; and 1916 to 1942 in St. Peter's Congregation, Flora, Mo. In addition to his pastoral duties he taught school for thirty-nine years. Advancing age and failing health induced him to resign and to take residence with children in St. Louis, Mo. The Lord granted the deceased sufficient

strength to assist the undersigned at Holy Communion until three weeks before his death. His wife, nine children, and fifteen grandchildren survive him. Two sons are pastors: Walter, at Alta Vista, Kans., and Herbert, at Cherokee, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 3 at Ebenezer Church, St. Louis. The undersigned preached the sermon on Ps. 4:8 and officiated at the grave. A number of brethren in the ministry attended the funeral service. The mortal remains were laid to rest in Bethlehem Cemetery, St. Louis. ARTHUR M. KUEHNERT

Mr. Theodore F. Koelling (d. Dec. 2, 1946), the son of Mr. Frederick Koelling and his wife Louise, nee Schwier, was born near Hoyleton, Ill., Aug. 1, 1870. He received his elementary education in the parochial school at Hoyleton, attended our Teachers College at Addison, Ill., and was graduated from this institution in 1890.

He served the Lord as teacher in Bethany, St. Louis, 1890—1896; eight months as helper in St. Peter's, St. Louis, 1897 to 1898; Perryville, Mo., 1898—1900; City Mission, St. Louis, 1900—1906; Mount Olive, Ill., 1906—1907; St. Matthew, St. Louis, 1907—1919, and Ebenezer, St. Louis, 1919 to 1933. After forty-three years in office he resigned on account of failing health, but cheerfully assisted in school whenever possible. He leaves to mourn him two daughters and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 5 at Ebenezer Church, St. Louis. The undersigned, pastor of the deceased, preached the sermon on 1 Kings 19:4 b. Burial took place in Zion Cemetery, St. Louis.

ARTHUR M. KUEHNERT

DEATH NOTICE

Teacher Albert C. Schier, Milford, Ill., died Dec. 6 and was buried Dec. 10.

CARL H. FRUENDT

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

A Soldier's Daughter. By G. L. Wind. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 86 pages. $1.00.

This is a delightful story for any boy or girl who can read the First or Second Reader. The twenty-five pictures which are distributed at proper intervals help to give color and life to the story. Binding, paper, and type are of the best. S.

Greater Love Hath No Man. By Martin Walker and Theophil Schroedel. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 106 pages. $1.25.

In their foreword the publishers inform us that the purpose of this book is to help the preacher to meet his missionary opportunities during the Lenten season. It is their hope that by browsing through this book pastors will receive stimulation and inspiration. The book contains two series. The first consists of seven sermons by the Rev. Martin Walker, formerly President of the English District and known for his outstanding ability as a preacher. A number of these sermons have two or more texts. Each one points out some very precious virtue in Christ by which He fulfilled the Law of God for us and which He now wishes to reproduce in us. The second series, eight sermons, is by Theophil H. Schroedel of Minneapolis, Minn. These sermons are based upon Old Testament texts. After reading a number of these sermons we are convinced that the volume will certainly serve the purpose for which it is published. S.

My Vineyard. By Dorothy Hoyer Scharlemann. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 202 pages. $1.75.

This is an excellent book to present to anyone, especially to our young people, for Christmas, for it will hold their attention and at the same time impart valuable instruction. Because it is a historical novel, historical fact, true description, and imaginary events are interwoven in a skillful manner. The scene is the Holy Land, Palestine; the time is the time of the Messiah. Mrs. Dorothy Hoyer Scharlemann had the advantage of the careful descriptions sent her by her husband, who resided in the Holy Land for some time as chaplain of our Armed Forces. She shows her acquaintance with Bible history and has carefully utilized all this to produce a vivid narrative. In the course of the story a number of strange customs of the Jews are referred to and explained. I also have visited the Holy Land and have received lasting impressions of localities, persons, and conditions. I can assure our readers Mrs. Scharlemann has truthfully depicted these. Altogether it is one of those "good books" which combine pleasure and benefit. The book reminded me of the saying of Augustine: "Those are the best books that please while they instruct." S.

Report Cards. Primary Grade, 100 cards, $1.50. Intermediate Grade, 100 cards, $1.00. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo.

These report cards are neatly and skillfully arranged. They will appeal to parent, teacher, and scholar. S.

The Healing Hand of God. Meditations and Prayers for the Sick. By Alfred Doerffler. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 25 cents per set.

Each one of these 16 leaflets contains instruction and encouragement for those who are to pray. In addition, each one also offers an appropriate prayer. While they are intended especially for those who are sick, they may also be given to others who are in need of such instruction. Because they are inexpensive, they may be enclosed in one's mail or given to those who visit the pastor or whom he visits. S.

Questions That Trouble Christians. By W. A. Poovey. 187 pages, 8×5½. The Wartburg Press, Columbus 15, Ohio. $1.50.

"Why Doesn't God Destroy Sin?" "Why Do Christians Have to Suffer?" "Can Only Christians Be Saved?" "Is There Such a Place as Hell?" are some of the ten questions answered in the chapters of this book offered by a pastor of the American Lutheran Church. As one turns the leaves of the book, one finds time and again good Scriptural argumentation, much by which the Christian will be truly edified. Some of his chapters contain strong healthy thought mixed with dubious judgments, as when he speaks of denominational differences. We would term regrettable the section dealing with Predestination. Certainly, one who has thoroughly acquainted himself with the Letter to the Romans and who has noted the emphasis on this doctrine in the Formula of Concord will hardly say that "Predestination is not a particularly important doctrine in Christian theology," or that "it can thus be seen that this doctrine has been the tail wagging the dog, because it never has deserved the attention it has received in the Church." Farther down he rejects the doctrine of predestination "in view of faith" because it accords too little to divine grace and too much to human merit. But while this and other correct statements are made — as when he declares that God "predestinated individuals, not merely plans and methods," and that Predestination gives the assurance of final salvation, the process is described in the terms of the old election *intuitu fidei* when Rev. Poovey writes: "In His wisdom God foresaw the result that would occur when each man would come in contact with the Gospel. He thus knew that Luther would not resist but would allow the Holy Spirit to work in his heart. He saw that Judas would accept for a time and then later harden his heart and turn away despite every effort of God to keep him in the truth. He saw that Cain would refuse even to consider the message of the Gospel. On this basis He was able to predestinate all mankind." Also the "mystery" in Predestination is defined in a manner which accords neither with the Lutheran Confessions nor with the Scriptures. If the layman will keep these cautions in mind and otherwise exercise his Christian judgment, he will find much that is of value in the chapters of Rev. Poovey's book. G.

Communist Infiltration in the United States. 40 pages, 6×9. Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington 6, D. C. 25 cents.

A careful investigation of Communist influences in the United States, its relation to world Communism, the Communist trend in the labor movement, and its infiltration into government. G.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

Concordia Publishing House has issued another music catalog for 1947 — **Sacred Music for Choir and Organ.** It is a real handbook, as a glance at the table of contents will show, carefully and completely indexed. It should prove to be a satisfying help and guide to all who are active in choir and organ work. Its appearance proves again that C. P. H. is deeply interested in serving the musicians of the Church.

Further proof that our own Publishing House realizes the importance and influence of good music is found in the new publications for choir as well as for organ. A new music series has appeared, called **Laudamus Dominum,** edited by Martin Bangert, who from Sheboygan has promoted by word and deed an interest in

the music of Bach and other great Lutheran masters of church music, ably seconded and assisted by Paul Rosel, who is now professor of music at Seward.

There are, first of all, eight chorales, beautifully printed, introduced by a motto from the Scriptures. Much could be said about each chorale individually. Suffice it to say that collectively these chorales are strictly liturgical and Lutheran church music, classic models of choral writing; not easy, neither difficult, warranting careful study and preparation to do justice to the expansive grandeur and nobility of the chorale melody.

The biggest number is Buxtehude's **In Dulci Jubilo,** a most skillfully wrought and charming Christmas number for three voices, SAB, to which have been added two violins, to enhance the Christmas joy, and an organ part. Cello and bass may also be added.

Forty-Four Classic Chorales for Mixed Choir. Compiled by Walter Wismar. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 47 pages, 6×9. 40 cents.

Mr. Walter Wismar has compiled a model selection of Advent, Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany chorales. Some of the finest music of our Church is found in these hymns. The mechanical make-up of this collection of songs is of the very best. S.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

PASTORS

Commissioned:

Munderloh, Herbert T., as missionary in Russell, Kans., by O. Henning, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Seboldt, Roland H. A., commissioned in Immanuel Church, Mercedes, Tex., as Spanish missionary in Mercedes, Tex., by Reinhard Wuensche, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Installed:

Baron, C. R., in Trinity Congregation, Haultain, Sask., Can., by Ph. Fry, 22. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 17.

Becker, Wilbur H., in Grace Congregation, Fayette, Iowa, by Otto C. Schultz, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Breihan, Armin H., in Redeemer Congregation, Joliet, Ill., by C. F. Dankworth, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Castens, L. C., in St. Paul's Congregation, Cuba, and in St. John's Congregation, St. James, Mo., by H. H. Schaefer, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Deke, A. G., as assistant pastor in Emmaus Congregation, Indianapolis, Ind., by H. L. Krueckeberg, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Dey, Arthur, in St. John's Congregation, Mount Hope, Ohio, by E. A. Neitzel, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Droegemueller, I. T., in Epiphany Congregation, Stanley, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Reeseburg, Wis., by C. L. Thalacker and Ferd. Sprengler, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24, and in Trinity Congregation, Thorp, Wis., by W. Schedler, Nov. 26.

Eifert, Edgar H., in St. Paul's Congregation, Waseca, Minn., by Herbert Burgdorf, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Eschenbacher, G., in St. John's Congregation, Paullina, Iowa, by Martin Peters, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Falkenroth, F. W., in Bethlehem Congregation, Pleasant Dale, by Walter F. Wolbrecht, and in St. John's Congregation, Emerald, Nebr., by W. W. Koenig, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Fehner, A. G., in First Trinity Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn., by Pres. R. G. Heyne, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Hillmer, G. H., in St. John's Congregation, Hemet, Calif., by William Schmoock, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Jank, Robert M., in Zion Congregation, Pocahontas, Mo., by J. Schabacker, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Kloehn, R. F., in St. Paul's Congregation, Knoke, Iowa, by Kenneth R. Schueler, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Knippa, C. W., in Grace Congregation, Tulsa, Okla., by Karl Frese, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Koch, George, in St. Paul's Congregation, Readlyn, Iowa, by M. F. Scheel, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Langhans, Reuben W., in Cross Congregation, St. Paul (Gladstone), Minn., by Herbert Lindemann, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Levenhagen, Arnold A., in Zion Congregation, Oakland, Calif., by Geo. Mieger, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Mahnken, F. L., in Ebenezer Congregation, Port Hudson (Leslie), Mo., by H. W. Niewald, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Marquardt, R. A., as assistant pastor in St. Paul's Congregation, Addison, Ill., by Daniel E. Poellot, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Pollex, Maynard, in Redeemer Congregation, Hamilton, Ont., Can., by Pres. F. Malinsky, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Prifogle, M. J., in St. James Congregation, Honey Grove, Tex., by John H. Geisler, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Reiner, Albert F., in Mount Calvary Congregation, Red Deer, and in Christ Congregation, Markerville, Alta., Can., by W. A. Raedeke, Dec. 3.

Schlichting, Joseph, in Grace Congregation, Dieterich, Ill., by H. E. Zimmermann, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Schutz, Elmer T., in Immanuel Congregation, Parshall, and in Redeemer Congregation, Keene, N. Dak., by Roland L. Hafner, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Steffen, L. W., in Concordia Congregation, Clearwater, Nebr., by John R. Sternberg, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Wagner, Armin, in Christ Congregation, St. Paul, Nebr., by Theo. Droegemueller, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Wetzstein, W. H., in Holy Cross Congregation, Vandalia, Ill., by M. J. Naumann, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Zehner, Carl E., in St. Paul's Congregation, Milford Center, Ohio, by E. H. Joost, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

TEACHERS

Becker, E. George (Cand.), as teacher of Bronx Christian School Association, New York, N. Y., by B. von Schenk, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 22.

Beer, Lawrence, in Mount Calvary Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Louis H. Koehler, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Grueber, Herbert W., in Grace Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by August Jarus, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Hafner, E. H., in St. Stephen's Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by H. J. Eggold, 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Metzger, Robert, in Trinity Congregation, Wyandotte, Mich., by C. J. Krahnke, 19. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 27.

Tetting, William H., in St. John's Congregation, Bellwood, Ill., by William L. Kupsky, 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Dedications

Ada, Minn. The new organ of Zion Congregation (C. D. Uetzman), 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Alva, Okla. The new pipe organ of Zion Congregation (Otto H. Hoyer), 16. Sun. p. Tr., Oct. 6.

Glen Burnie, Md. The renovated church and the new pipe organ of St. Paul's Congregation (Edward G. Collins), 1. Adv. Sun., Dec. 1.

Milan, Mich. The new chapel of St. Paul's Congregation (Paul J. Foust), 23. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 24.

Cornerstone Laying

Fowler, Mich. St. Paul's Congregation (A. R. Nuechterlein) laid the cornerstone for their new church and parish hall, 21. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 10.

Lincoln, Nebr. Redeemer Congregation (Melvin J. Tassler) laid the cornerstone for their new church, 2. Adv. Sun., Dec. 8.

Nominations

For the chair of Liturgics at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. S. W. Becker, M. A., Sac City, Iowa: Nominated by Faith Church, Arlington, Calif.

Dr. Chas. Behnke, Rochester, N. Y.: St. Trinity, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Carl Bergen, Leonia, N. J.: St. Luke, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. C. Dankworth, Hinsdale, Ill.: Good Shepherd, Maywood, Ill.; Redeemer, Elmhurst, Ill.; Concordia, Berwyn, Ill.

Rev. Alfred Doerffler, St. Louis, Mo.: St. John the Divine, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. R. Herrmann, Lidderdale, Iowa: Trinity, Algona, Iowa.

Prof. Herman O. A. Keinath, River Forest, Ill.: Trinity, Alma, Mo.

Rev. Wilbur C. Koester, B. D., Palatine, Ill.: Zion, New Holland, Ill.

Rev. A. R. Kretzmann, Chicago, Ill.: Mt. Calvary, Vancouver, Wash.; St. Luke's, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. A. T. Kretzmann, Crete, Ill.: Trinity, Oak Park, Ill.

Rev. Eric C. Malte, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Grace, Bradford, Pa.

Chaplain Arthur Carl Piepkorn, Ph. D., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Grace, River Forest, Ill.; Messiah, Emporia, Kans.; St. Mark's Yonkers, N. Y.; Holy Sacraments, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Paul J. Reith, Los Angeles, Calif.: Immanuel, Wichita, Kans.

Prof. Leroy C. Rinker, Milwaukee, Wis.: Concordia, Granite City, Ill.

Rev. J. H. Rippe, Long Island City, N. Y.: Our Redeemer, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. August Waechter, Bunker Hill, Ill.: St. Paul's, Concordia, Mo.

Rev. J. M. Weidenschilling, M. A., S. T. D., St. Louis, Mo.: St. Paul's, Wakefield, Nebr.; Redeemer, Orange, N. J.

Rev. Carl F. Weidmann, Bronxville, N. Y.: Concordia, Bronxville, N. Y.; Redeemer, New York, N. Y.

Rev. T. A. Weinhold, Kansas City, Mo.: Trinity, Freistatt, Mo.; St. Paul, Austin, Tex.

Rev. Adolph H. Wismar, Hoboken, N. J.: St. Matthew, New York, N. Y.

Prof. W. F. Wolbrecht, M. A., Seward, Nebr.: First Immanuel, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Andrew Zeile, Saginaw, Mich.: St. Peter's, Edmonton, Alta., Can.

Rev. Carl M. Zorn, Th. D., Closter, N. J.: St. John, Niles, Ill.

The Electoral College will meet at Concordia Seminary on Jan. 28 at 10:00 A. M. Any correspondence with regard to any of the candidates should by Jan. 27 be in the hands of George W. Wittmer, *Secretary*, Board of Control, 3543 Pestalozzi St., St. Louis 18, Mo.

For St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas

(For Religion and Latin)

Rev. Karl Ehlers, 3180 West 165th St., Cleveland 11, Ohio: Nominated by Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Robert Hoerber, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn.: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kans.

Rev. R. Koepp, Green Isle, Minn.: Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, Kans.

Rev. Detlef A. Kraft, M. A., 42—69 147th St., Flushing, L. I., N. Y.: Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John, Niles, Ill.

Rev. Fred. Kramer, 204 E. Third St., Ellinwood, Kans.: Zion Lutheran Congregation, Independence, Kans.

Rev. Eric C. Malte, B. D., M. A., Ph. D., 111 Highland Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.: St. Luke's, Chicago, Ill.

Prof. Albert E. Meyer, Bronxville, N. Y.: Trinity Lutheran Church, Winfield, Kans; St. John's, Culbertson, Nebr.; Trinity Lutheran, Blackwell, Okla.

Rev. Armin Moellering, Grand Prairie, Tex.: St. Luke's, Bazine, Kans.

Rev. Clarence Schuknecht, 2062 E. 30th St., Cleveland 15, Ohio; St. Mark's, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Walter Soeldner, Boonville, Mo.: Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, Minn.

The Electoral College meets Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 10 A. M. Communications concerning these candidates should by Jan. 27, 1947, be in the hands of Rev. Fred. Kramer, *Secretary*, Board of Control, 204 E. Third, Ellinwood, Kans.

Election Results

The Electoral Board, Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., met in a duly called meeting on Dec. 2 and elected *Rev. Herbert J. Bouman*, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ind., to the chair of English and History. — Electoral Board for Concordia College, Paul L. Dannenfeldt, *Secretary*, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Prof. Ernest Wolfram, Ph. D., of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., has been elected Professor of Social Studies, in particular History, for St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo. The Board of Electors met Dec. 10. — Board of Control, Wm. O. Schmidt, *Secretary*.

Emergency Schoolteachers

Twenty-five pretheological graduates (two years of college work) will be available February 1 for emergency school-teaching or other parish tasks (not preaching). Apply to the Dean's Office, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, just as quickly as possible. — Richard A. Jesse, *Dean*.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1946, to November 30, 1946

Districts	Budget Accounts	Relief in Europe & Asia	Army & Navy Collection
1. Alberta and Br. Col.	$ 4,892.89	$ 15,162.93	$ 1,069.30
2. Argentina	——	——	——
3. Atlantic	58,328.90	55,833.87	11,575.39
4. Brazil	11.60	——	——
5. California and Nevada	10,241.89	33,959.74	5,213.84
6. Central	245,819.60	139,102.38	42,009.97
7. Central Illinois	101,345.60	53,409.09	18,549.87
8. Colorado	14,172.51	15,851.84	4,095.65
9. Eastern	46,788.29	43,456.24	11,018.12
10. English	97,584.37	58,324.24	17,174.40
11. Iowa-East	35,500.00	33,388.55	6,142.33
12. Iowa-West	96,255.64	62,817.61	18,296.67
13. Kansas	44,603.19	54,416.81	13,930.29
14. Manitoba and Sask.	3,937.17	16,409.28	621.49
15. Michigan	210,211.14	101,636.79	21,962.81
16. Minnesota	135,760.97	106,595.04	28,260.82
17. Montana	3,931.73	6,557.20	1,758.07
18. North Dakota	15,378.53	22,820.72	6,851.98
19. North Wisconsin	93,579.78	50,936.56	14,218.91
20. Northern Illinois	197,093.23	150,859.81	23,229.51
21. Northern Nebraska	27,833.95	40,878.16	11,552.36
22. Oklahoma	10,096.72	13,024.69	4,479.48
23. Ontario	12,096.50	——	2,202.66
24. Oregon and Washington	21,285.86	46,965.83	10,480.55
25. South Dakota	11,439.04	26,542.61	6,830.94
26. South Wisconsin	151,018.23	79,786.56	23,517.55
27. Southeastern	20,791.00	20,613.35	6,704.61
28. Southern	12,835.29	15,821.66	3,437.48
29. Southern California	10,693.95	48,705.14	9,449.20
30. Southern Illinois	51,517.02	31,089.16	12,471.85
31. Southern Nebraska	35,824.20	47,144.23	12,666.51
32. Texas	26,702.33	41,066.80	12,119.55
33. Western	173,486.83	89,517.76	32,083.16
Total from Districts	$1,981.057.95	$1,522,694.65	$393,975.32
From L. L. L. Endowm. Fd.	35,232.25		
From Other Sources	99,151.49	173,921.24	3,235.94
GRAND TOTAL	$2,115,441.69	$1,696,615.89*	$397,211.26

* $17,302.66 was received last year, making a grand total of $1,713,918.55 for Relief in Europe and Asia.

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